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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I'm a self-employed editor and teacher who supports broadband competition. I chose the small company Sonic as my ISP because it's local and affordable. It's turned out to be better than I'd hoped, with readily available, informed, personable customer and technical service at a great price. I'm thrilled I was able to avoid the big companies with their exhausting automated service, faraway employees confined to scripted assistance, and inflated charges. I ask you to defend broadband competition by stopping the USTelecom petition.

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